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To preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans.

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troduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

To preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
 2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Morris K. Udall Arctic  
 5       Wilderness Act of 2001”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8               (1) Americans cherish the continued existence  
 9       of expansive, unspoiled wilderness ecosystems and  
 10      wildlife found on their public lands, and feel a  
 11      strong moral responsibility to protect this wilderness  
 12      heritage as an enduring resource to bequeath undis-  
 13      turbed to future generations of Americans.

14              (2) It is widely believed by ecologists, wildlife  
 15      scientists, public land specialists, and other experts  
 16      that the wilderness ecosystem centered around and  
 17      dependent upon the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic

1 National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, represents the  
2 very epitome of a primeval wilderness ecosystem and  
3 constitutes the greatest wilderness area and diversity  
4 of wildlife habitats of its kind in the United States.

5 (3) President Dwight D. Eisenhower initiated  
6 protection of the wilderness values of the Arctic  
7 coastal plain in 1960 when he set aside 8,900,000  
8 acres establishing the Arctic National Wildlife Range  
9 expressly “for the purpose of preserving unique wild-  
10 life, wilderness and recreational values”.

11 (4) Congress strengthened the protective man-  
12 agement of the Eisenhower-designated area in 1980  
13 with the enactment of the Alaska National Interest  
14 Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96–487; 94  
15 Stat. 2371), section 303(2) of which established the  
16 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, more than doubled  
17 the size of the wildlife refuge, and extended statu-  
18 tory wilderness protection to most of the original  
19 area.

20 (5) Before the enactment of the Alaska Na-  
21 tional Interest Lands Conservation Act, the House  
22 of Representatives twice passed legislation that  
23 would have protected the entire Eisenhower-des-  
24 ignated area as wilderness, including the Arctic  
25 coastal plain.

1           (6) A majority of Americans have supported  
2           and continue to support preserving and protecting  
3           the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, including the  
4           Arctic coastal plain, from any industrial development  
5           and consider oil and gas exploration and develop-  
6           ment in particular to be incompatible with the pur-  
7           poses for which this incomparable wilderness eco-  
8           system has been set aside.

9           (7) Canada has taken action to preserve those  
10          portions of the wilderness ecosystem of the Arctic  
11          that exist on its side of the international border and  
12          provides strong legal protection for the habitat of  
13          the Porcupine River caribou herd that migrates an-  
14          nually through both countries to calve on the Arctic  
15          coastal plain.

16          (8) The extension of full wilderness protection  
17          for the Arctic coastal plain within the Arctic Na-  
18          tional Wildlife Refuge will still leave 95 percent of  
19          the North Slope of Alaska without such wilderness  
20          protection, so that development of energy resources  
21          in Alaska can continue to contribute significantly to  
22          meeting the energy needs of the United States with-  
23          out despoiling the unique Arctic coastal plain of the  
24          Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

1 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—Congress hereby de-  
2 clares that it is the policy of the United States—

3 (1) to honor the decades of bipartisan efforts  
4 that have increasingly protected the great wilderness  
5 ecosystem of the Arctic coastal plain;

6 (2) to sustain this natural treasure for the cur-  
7 rent generation of Americans; and

8 (3) to do everything possible to protect and pre-  
9 serve this magnificent natural ecosystem so that it  
10 may be bequeathed in its unspoiled natural condition  
11 to future generations of Americans.

12 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL WILDERNESS, ARC-**  
13 **TIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALASKA.**

14 (a) INCLUSION OF ARCTIC COASTAL PLAIN.—In fur-  
15 therance of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.),  
16 an area within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the  
17 State of Alaska comprising approximately 1,559,538  
18 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Arctic Na-  
19 tional Wildlife Refuge—1002 Area Alternative E—Wilder-  
20 ness Designation”, dated October 28, 1991, and available  
21 for inspection in the offices of the Secretary of the Inte-  
22 rior, is hereby designated as wilderness and, therefore, as  
23 a component of the National Wilderness Preservation Sys-  
24 tem.

1       (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The area designated as wil-  
2 derness under subsection (a) shall be administered by the  
3 Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the provisions  
4 of the Wilderness Act as part of the wilderness area al-  
5 ready in existence within the Arctic National Wildlife Ref-  
6 uge as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

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